

Fiscal Note

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| Bill Version: | SCS HB 155(JUD) |
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Identifier: HB155-JUD-ACS-01-27-22
Title: COURT SYSTEM PROVIDE VISITORS & EXPERTS
Sponsor: TUCK
Requester: House Judiciary

Department: Judiciary
Appropriation: Alaska Court System
Allocation: Trial Courts
OMB Component Number: 768

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2023 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2023 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2023 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 |
| Personal Services | 104.7 | | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.7 |
| Travel | | | | | | | |
| Services | 854.4 | | 854.4 | 854.4 | 854.4 | 854.4 | 854.4 |
| Commodities | 1.5 | | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 960.6 | 0.0 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 960.6 | | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 |
| Total | 960.6 | 0.0 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 | 960.6 |

Positions

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|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 1.0 | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | |

Change in Revenues

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|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None | | | | | | | |
| Total | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? 0
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? NA
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? NA

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated fiscal note for current fiscal year.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 155 would transfer from the Office of Public advocacy (OPA) to the court system the duty to provide court visitors in guardianship cases, and in cases involving the involuntary administration of psychotropic medication. This fiscal note reflects the cost of that transfer, which is based on the most recent costs incurred by OPA for this work, plus one additional staff person to oversee the training, supervision, and scheduling of court visitors.

By statute, Judges appoint court visitors provided by OPA to assess the needs and conditions of respondents in guardianship proceedings. Visitors are neutral evaluators who submit their assessment directly to the judge in the case. Visitors also make reports on the continuing appropriateness of the guardianship by conducting a follow-up reviews every three years. Finally, court visitors are appointed in cases where an evaluation or treatment facility requests that a court order a person in their care to receive psychotropic medication. The visitor's role in that type of appointment is to assess the competency of the person to consent, or not, to the administration of the drug.